

**STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMPLETENESS & AVAILABILITY OF A
STREAMLINED MERCURY VARIANCE (SMV) APPLICATION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2011 – 6B - SMV
NOTICE DATE: JUNE 8, 2011
RESPONSE DATE DUE: JULY 8, 2011**

Applicant: GARY SANITARY DISTRICT WWTP, Permit No. IN0022977, LAKE COUNTY, 3600 W Third Av, Gary, IN.

I. Type of Application: Streamlined Mercury Variance (SMV): On December 23, 2010, the Gary Sanitary District submitted an SMV application for their wastewater treatment plant. Subsequent amendments to the SMV application were received on May 12, 2011. The SMV application includes a Pollutant Minimization Program Plan (PMPP), addressing the identification and minimization of mercury discharges to the environment in accordance with 327 IAC 5-3.5-9. IDEM has determined that the SMV application complies with Rule 327 IAC 5-3.5 (SMV Requirements & Application) and proposes to incorporate the SMV as a condition of the permit through reissuance of the permit.

II. Facility Operations: The facility is a Class IV, 60 MGD single stage activated sludge treatment facility which collects and treats sanitary, industrial and combined sewer wastewater discharging to the East Branch of the Grand Calumet River.

III. Contact Person: Mr. Bill Stenner, 317/233-1449, bstenner@idem.IN.gov. Deliver or mail all requests or comments to the attention of the contact person at the following address: Office of Water Quality/NPDES Permits Branch, 100 N Senate Av, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251 - Mail Code 65-42. All related documents are on file & may be inspected at IDEM, 12th floor/Rm 1203, from 9 - 4, M - F, (copies 10¢ per page).

IV. Comments/Public Hearing: Anyone interested is invited to submit **written** comments regarding the submittal of the SMV. **Public Hearing:** Any person may request a public hearing. A written request must include the name & contact information (address, phone, E-mail) of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request, and the issues proposed for consideration at the Hearing. If the Department determines a need for a Public Hearing based on the comments and requests received, notice will be published 30 days prior, in the newspaper with the greatest circulation in the geographical area of the discharge. All comments & requests **must be postmarked no later than the above-noted response due date**. Notice will be sent to all persons submitting comments or requesting notification.

V. Additional Information: Based on staff review and application of pertinent standards & regulations, IDEM has determined the SMV application and accompanying PMPP to be complete and proposes to incorporate the SMV as a condition of the permit with Rule 327 IAC 5-3.5-6. The Permit will be issued to include the requirements of the applicant's PMPP and an interim discharge limit for mercury calculated based on the procedures of Rule 327 IAC 5-3.5-8. The SMV will remain in effect until the NPDES permit expires under IC Rule 13-14-8-9. Please tell anyone you think would be interested in this matter. For your rights & responsibilities see: www.in.gov/idem/5474.htm. Public Participation Guide: www.in.gov/idem/4172.htm ; Citizen Guide: www.in.gov/idem/5803.htm.